



*Minnesota Administrators for Special Education (MASE)*

## **NEW SPECIAL EDUCATION LEADER AWARD 2021**

*MASE builds strong leaders who work on behalf of students with disabilities.*

### **PAST RECIPIENTS**

- 2020** Nicole Woodward
- 2019** Amy Ernst
- 2018** Jennifer McIntyre
- 2017** Tim Finn
- 2016** Dustin Hinckley
- 2015** Heidi Hahn
- 2014** Diane McCarron
- 2013** Mary Clarkson
- 2012** Tammy Stahl
- 2011** Reggie Engebretson

### **BACKGROUND**

MASE is committed to mentoring, encouraging and recognizing new leaders in the field of special education. To that end, this award is given annually to a new leader who exhibits the leadership excellence required to be effective in challenging times. These skills include: a willingness to risk, an ability to collaborate, skills in listening and communicating, and a broad understanding of the educational system. Further, this award is given to a new leader who has demonstrated passion and commitment to the MASE mission of shaping policies and practices which impact the quality of education for students with disabilities.

### **THE AWARD**

1. The award is presented annually at the MASE/MASA Spring Conference.
2. The recipient will receive a plaque.
4. A news release will be distributed to pertinent media in the coverage area of the recipient.

### **NOMINATION PROCEDURE**

Nominations will be made through a process determined by the MASE Nominating Committee.

1. Candidates may be self-nominated or nominated by someone else.
2. Nominations must be made in writing by completing the nomination materials.
3. Nomination materials must be received by the nomination deadline to be considered.
4. Nomination materials can be accessed from the MASE website or by contacting the MASE office.

### **SELECTION PROCEDURE**

1. Individuals may nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else.
2. Applications must be filed by January 11, 2021, on the approved application form.
3. The Nominations Committee will review the nomination form which may be accompanied by a maximum of three (3) letters of support and select the recipient by February 8, 2021.
4. The recipient will be contacted prior to Spring Conference.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Recipient must have demonstrated the attributes of leadership and involvement in MASE and other educational organizations.
2. Recipient must be an active or associate member of Minnesota Administrators for Special Education.
3. Recipient must have five years or less of experience as a director of record or as a special education administrator. Recipients who have five or more years of experience as a special education administrator, but are new to the role of director of record may also be recipients within their first five years of that role.

***APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JANUARY 11, 2021***

**NOTE: Download & save this PDF to your computer before using the text boxes to write in information.**

## New Special Education Leader Award Nomination Form

If you are nominating someone other than yourself for this award, it is recommended that you notify that person of the nomination.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title and Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

List those who should be notified if this person is selected - media contacts, communications staff, board chair, etc.

Name	Organization	Email
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### **Biographical & Background Information**

Please list or provide a brief description of the nominee's **employment history, educational background, professional organizational involvement and leadership roles outside of their organization, and honors and awards received**. Please spell out any organizational acronyms. (Limit to last five years). This information will be used in the news release if the nominee is selected for this award. Please attach an electronic copy of the biographical and background information to your submission email.

### **Selection Questions**

Please provide a description of **why you believe the nominee is deserving of consideration for this award**. Please include examples of the nominee's **work and achievements within their organization and their leadership and dedication as a MASE member**. Please attach an electronic copy of the selection questions to your submission email.

**Return the nomination application via email to [dave.christians@mnasa.org](mailto:dave.christians@mnasa.org) by January 11, 2021.**

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